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ABSTRACT

The focus of this annotated bibliography on the Middle East for secondary school teachers and students is on non-textbook materials such as personal accounts, novels, anthropological studies, art, and cookbooks. Over 90 resources published between 1955 and 1983 are listed alphabetically by author and tagged to the following reading levels: reference, teacher, advanced high school student, high school student, and middle school student. Entries are cross referenced in a subject index chart and a title index. A special feature of this guide is an addendum of 12 works by noted scholars to enrich the background of teachers. Also included are the addresses of embassies and airlines of Middle Eastern countries. (LP)

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Introduction

The Middle East has a long and rich history. It is the birthplace of western civilization, of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It is the subject of many newspaper headlines and television news specials. But how much beyond the headlines do our students know about the Middle East, of its rich and complex history; of its major ethnic, national and religious groups, its attempts to maintain its traditions – and join the 20th century? What do they know about the people themselves and how they live? What do the terms Sunni, Shiite, Kurd, Copt, Druze, Abu Dhabi, Sinai, Balfour, Allenby, Faisal and chador mean to our students?

The much welcomed emphasis on Global Education underscores the need for us to focus on the Middle East in the classroom.

This bibliography is intended as a guide to the subject primarily for teachers and students in the secondary schools. A special feature of this guide is an addendum of a dozen works by noted scholars to enrich the background of the teacher. Also included are the addresses of the embassies and airlines of the nations of the Middle East.

Although we have included some of the more widely used textbooks and scholarly publications, a primary focus of this bibliography is on materials not generally considered as texts – personal accounts, novels, studies by anthropologists who have lived in the area, and even art and cookbooks. We hope this "mezze"* will satisfy the needs of those who share with us an appreciation for the diversity, the complexity and the richness of the Middle East.

The bibliography is listed in alphabetical order according to author. On pages 14 and 15 is a subject index in chart form which permits the user to see at a glance which books will be most helpful in pursuing a specific topic. Many books are listed under several topics. Italics indicate the book's primary focus. A title index is also included.

The bibliography indicates reading levels: R = Reference, T = Teacher, A = Advanced High School Student, H = High School Student, M = Middle School Student (6-8 grade reading level). Many books transcend all levels; and as we know, very often the interest in a topic will allow a reader of moderate skills to transcend his or her limitations.

**hors d'oeuvre*

Andric, Ivo
The Bridge on the Drina
University of Chicago, 1977, 314 pp., also paper *TA 2, 5*

The Nobel Prize winning author's epic work. This novel centers on a bridge in Bosnia built by the Grand Vizier, Mehmed Pasha. "Over the course of three centuries, the destinies of a variety of characters and the fate of an entire people are played out around the great bridge." An excellent introduction to Ottoman history, its variety of communities and the reasons for the decline of the empire. The Ottoman empire for 400 years until World War I (1914-1918) ruled over territories that have become present-day Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and parts of Syria, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Offers profound insights into the human condition and the mind set of this part of the world.

Anthony, John Duke
Arab States of the Lower Gulf: People, Politics & Petroleum
Middle East Institute, 1975, 273 pp. *TA 11, 5, 14*

An excellent portrait of the societies of Bahrein, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. A perceptive view into the politics, economics and culture of these nations.

Arathon, D. W.
Kamal
Harper and Row, 1982, 368 pp. *TAH 2, 11*

An exciting novel about the evolution of a terrorist. It offers insights into the international terrorist sub-culture and into the conflicting emotions of one who begins to question the movement and its stratagems. Although sympathetic to the

individual, the book shows what happens when one steps over the line from commitment to blind fanaticism.

Arlen, Michael
Passage to Ararat
Farrar, Straus & Giroux/Ballantine (paper), 1975, 210 pp. *TAH 3, 13, 14*

The author relates the history of Armenia as he travels through Turkey in search of his own cultural identity. Well written, vital and perceptive.

Banks, Arthur S. and William Overstreet
Political Handbook of the World 1981
McGraw-Hill, 1981, 699 pp. *R 1*

Indispensable reference tool. Contains essays on world and regional issues, intergovernmental organizations and for each nation: Political background and issues, social and economic data, legislatures, foreign relations, political leaders, religions, geography, etc. Revised biannually.

Beck, Lois and Nikki Keddie, editors
Women in the Muslim World
Harvard University, 1978, 689 pp., also paper, illustrations *RTA 10, 9*

Contains thirty-three original essays by experts exploring the variety of conditions figuring in the disparity of men and women as well as the diversity of women's roles in different settings. Divided into four sections: legal and socio-economic change; historical perspective; case studies: nomads, villagers, town and city dwellers; and ideology, religion and ritual.

The selections vary in their applicability to the secondary school classroom, but this is one of the few works that includes Muslim society in North Africa, the Middle East and the Far East and thus enables readers to realize that Muslim society is diverse and widespread.

Bernstein, Burton
Sinai: The Great and Terrible Wilderness
Viking, 1979, 268 pp., maps and illustrations *TAH 5*

The background of the Sinai Peninsula is juxtaposed with its modern inhabitants – Israeli settlers and soldiers (no longer there), United Nations forces, Bedouin, hippies, camels, tanks and jeeps, tents and air conditioners, an American saloon, and St. Catherine's Monastery. The author writes with humor, sensitivity and with a sense of awe.

Breeden, Robert L.
Nomads of the World
National Geographic Society, 1971, 199 pp., color photos *RTAH 9, 14*

More than half of this excellent and readable comparative study deals with Middle Eastern peoples: The Al Murrah Bedouin of Arabia, the Qashga'i of Iran, and the Taureg of the Sahara. Well written, with an excellent introductory chapter.

Brice, William C.
An Historical Atlas of Islam
Brill (The Netherlands), 1981, 71 pp. oversize *R 13, 1, 6*

Produced under the patronage of the Encyclopedia of Islam, this handsome volume includes 58 maps covering individual place names, ethnic groups, economics, early extension of the Muslim world, early Arabia, Near East, Middle East, the Balkans, Muslim Spain, North Africa, India and the Indian Seas. There are three indices: place names, ethnics and economic.

Bulliet, Richard
The Tomb of the Twelfth Imam
Harper and Row, 1979, 230 pp. *TAH 2, 14*

An exciting espionage novel set in Iran during the 1970's. Written by a scholar, it tells the tale of an American professor caught in the web of various religious and non-religious groups in conflict at that time. Although the specific events and people described are fictitious, the settings and the religious, social and political viewpoints are authentic. The book, written prior to the Khomeini revolution, almost eerily predicts it.

Chritchfield, Richard
Shahhat: An Egyptian
Syracuse University, 1978, 233 pp., also paper, photos *TAH 9, 14*

This is an absorbing account of how a deeply traditional Egyptian fellah (peasant), faced with sudden technological, cultural, and psychological changes in his way of life, tries to master his condition to reconcile these changes with his Islamic faith and to communicate with those around him. Based on a journalist-anthropologist's two year (1974-76) stay as a participant-observer in a village on the upper Nile.

Cole, Donald P.
Nomads of the Nomads: The Al Murrah Bedouin of the Empty Quarter
Aldine, 1975, 178 pp., paper, glossary, photos *TA 9, 14*

An anthropological study of the lives and culture of the Al Murrah Bedouin who inhabit the "Empty Quarter" of southeast Arabia. Fascinating details about the environment, the household, marriage and family life, lineage, clan and tribe, religion, and the impact of the "wider world." The author presents a strong case for the continuation of nomadic pastoralism.

Cohen, Barbara and Bahija Lovejoy
Seven Daughters and Seven Sons
Atheneum, 1982, 220 pp. *HM 2*

In this novel based on a folktale that has been part of the

oral tradition of Iraq since the eleventh century, a young woman from a poor family in Baghdad goes to seek her fortune in far off Tyre – disguised as a man. Delightful.

Diqs, Isaak
A Bedouin Boyhood
Pergamon Press, 1969, 176 pp., paper *TAHM 3, 14, 9*

A memoir of a young Jordanian growing up in a Bedouin household. Captivating reading as it details the struggles and pleasures of the nomadic life.

Dupree, Louis
Afghanistan
Princeton University, 1980, 767 pp., also paper, 103 photos, 15 maps, 31 charts *RTAH 14, 9, 6, 13*

This comprehensive, encyclopedic study of Afghanistan is "an attempt to present a study of a single piece of real estate from the Stone-Age through tomorrow" by an anthropologist who has worked in the region since 1949.

Includes: the land, the people, ethnic groups, language, folklore, religion, life cycle, etc. as well as history from prehistoric times through 1980.

Although specifically about one nation, certain sections have wider application. The chapter "Religious Non-Literacy in a Literate Culture" is applicable to the region in general and provides one of the clearest accounts of Islamic teachings and actual practices available. Particularly valuable are the sections comparing it with Judeo-Christian traditions and practices.

Duvignaud, Jean
Change at Shebika: Report from a North African Village
University of Texas, 1971, 303 pp., paper *TAH 9, 14*

A French sociologist's classic study of a village of poor peasants in southern Tunisia. It relies on personal accounts to illustrate the impact of modernization on the people of a newly independent nation. One becomes intimately involved in the lives of the villagers, while recognizing the tremendous gulf between their lives and those of the urban dwellers of the cities. Very readable.

Eickelman, Dale F.
The Middle East: An Anthropological Approach
Prentice-Hall, 1981, 336 pp., paper, glossary *RTA 9, 6*

Examines institutions, customs, tribal structure, personal relationships, etiquette, the "Islamic" city, and *Islam as practiced* by ordinary people. The book concentrates on how people interreact with their environment. It provides a valuable summary of how study of the Middle East was approached in the past. Somewhat dry and academic, but excellent background for the teacher, good reference tool for senior high and college.

Elon, Amos
Flight into Egypt
Doubleday/Pinnacle (paper), 1980, 262 pp. *TAH 4, 14*

A leading Israeli journalist's first hand account of contemporary Egypt, gleaned from conversations with government officials, writers, artists, diplomats and students. Includes observations of the daily life and culture of Cairo, Alexandria, Ismailia and the Suez Canal Zone.

Elon, Amos
The Israelis: Founders and Sons
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1971, 352 pp. *TAH 14, 9, 13*

A portrait of national attitudes of the Israelis by one of the "sons." A valuable and readable work, drawing on poets and novelists as well as politicians. Although written more than a decade ago the section about the prospects and issues for Israel's future development remains thought-provoking.

Encyclopaedia Britannica, editors
The Arabs: People and Power
Bantam, 1978, paper, photos *AH 8, 13, 11*

A survey of the Arab world by the editors of the Encyclopaedia Britannica which briefly summarizes historical developments and current concerns.

Europa
The Middle East and North Africa, 1981-82
Europa (London), 1981, 993 pp. *R 1*

This 28th edition of an annual survey contains detailed information about all the countries in the Middle Eastern and North African world plus a who's who of prominent personalities in or connected with the region. One of the major reference works in the field.

Farah, Mounir and Andrea B. Karls
Insights: Middle East
Charles E. Merrill, 1980, 127 pp., paper *HM 1*

Heavily illustrated text for early secondary grades. Deals with selected current issues and uses a variety of photos, maps, advertisements, works of art and readings from diverse sources as springboards for inquiry activities and discussions.

Fernea, Elizabeth W.
Guests of the Sheik: An Ethnology of an Iraqi Village
Doubleday, 1969, 345 pp., paper *TAH 9, 14, 10*

An extremely well written account of the author's two year stay in a tiny rural village in southern Iraq in the late 50's. Vivid descriptions of the life of Arab women as well as interesting insights into the difficulties and joys of a stranger in a traditional Arab society.

Fernea, Elizabeth W.
A Street in Marrakech
Doubleday, 1976, 420 pp., paper *TAH 9, 14, 10*

Describes the experiences of the author and her family in a Moroccan city in 1972. Fascinating account of life in the Medina (old part of the city) and the nature of a traditional North African city where life is lived behind high walls.

Fernea, Elizabeth Warnock and Basima Qattan Bezirgan, editors
Middle Eastern Muslim Women Speak
University of Texas, 1977, 414 pp., also paper *TAH 10, 3*

An informative anthology of thirty-three biographical, autobiographical and anthropological documents showing the diverse experiences and reactions of women to changes in Middle East society. Includes traditional sources, biographical sketches of a medieval Afghani and a modern Iranian poet, a selection from the Egyptian autobiography of the singer, Umm

Kulthum, an interview with a settled Bedouin woman of Jordan and an account of the trial of Layla Ba'labakki, a modern Lebanese novelist, on charges of endangering public morality.

Provides insights into the perspectives through which women pursue their roles in societies in transition. A rich collection.

Fischer, Michael M. J.
Iran: From Religious Dispute to Revolution
Harvard University, 1980, 305 pp., photos *RTA 14, 6, 9*

A respected anthropologist's attempt to decode Shiite culture. This book examines Iranian society from the inside, showing how each class interprets Islam and the role of religion and religious education in the culture. Excellent comparison of the Islamic *Madrasa*, the Jewish *Yeshiva* and the Christian *Studium*. *The* book to read on the role of religion in the revolution and on the influence of traditional education in Iran today.

Fisher, Sydney Nettleton
The Middle East: A History
Alfred A. Knopf, 1978, 808 pp., maps *RTA 1, 13*

Comprehensive and detailed survey of the history of the Middle East. Includes sections on pre-Islamic politics and society, the rise and spread of Islam, the Ottoman Empire, European imperialism in the modern Middle East and contemporary Middle East events through 1977. While there is extensive treatment of Arab nationalism, no discussion of Zionism as a political ideology is offered. One of the few books that includes Israel as a nation in the Middle East.

Frankel, William
Israel Observed: The Anatomy of a State
Thames and Hudson, 1980, 288 pp. *TAH 14, 11*

A British journalist examines the structure and workings of the main political and social institutions of Israel which not only determine national policies but influence the way Israelis live.

Gilbert, Martin
Jewish History Atlas
Macmillan, 1969, 125 pp. *R 13, 7*

Contains 112 maps from ancient times to the present, of which 45 have the Middle East as their locale. Each map provides a graphic visual narrative of such data as early Jewish migrations from about the second millennium B.C., the Jews and Islam 750 A.D., Jews under Turkish rule, and the Arab-Israeli wars. Highly informative, easy to read.

Also *Jerusalem History Atlas; Arab-Isareli Conflict Atlas.*

Goitein, S. D., editor
From the Land of Sheba: Tales of the Jews of Yemen
Schocken, 1976, 142 pp., paper *TAHM 2, 7, 13, 14*

A charming collection of folk tales and life stories that illuminate the host culture as well as the life and traditions of this group of "Oriental" Jews and gives a multifaceted picture of the religion, social life and ethical traditions. Contains a fine introductory essay (30 pages) on the history of Yemenite Jewry from ancient times to the present.

Goitein, S. D.
Jews and Arabs: Their Contact Through the Ages
Schocken, 1974, 263 pp., also paper *TA 13, 6, 7, 8*

A prominent scholar explores the social and intellectual contact of Jews and Arabs from pre-Islamic times through the mid 1970's. Discussed are: the myth of "Semitic" races, the Jewish tradition in Islam, the actual and legal position of Jews in Arab lands, and the rise of Jewish philosophy under Islamic influence.

Goldschmidt, Jr., Arthur
A Concise History of the Middle East
Westview, 1979, 410 pp. *TAH 1, 6, 11*

Focuses on the evolution of Islamic institutions and culture, the influence of the West, the struggle of various peoples for political independence and the development of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Includes conclusions and summaries for each chapter. Can be used as a textbook. Well organized and well written.

Goldston, Robert
Next Year in Jerusalem: A Short History of Zionism
Little Brown/Fawcett (paper), 1978, 245 pp. *HM 14, 13*

A popular history of Zionism for the young person and the person unfamiliar with Jewish thought and experience. Very well and clearly written narrative which begins with Abraham of Ur and leads us to the establishment of the state of Israel and up to 1978. Particularly good for the younger student.

Goldston, Robert
The Sword of the Prophet
Dial/Fawcett, (paper), 1979, 224 pp. *HM 8, 13*

A popular, simple survey of the history of the Arab world from the time of Mohammed to 1979. An excellent companion volume to *Next Year in Jerusalem*. Very good for younger readers.

Gornick, Vivian
In Search of Ali Mahmoud
Warner, 1974, 380 pp., paper *TAH 3, 14*

Fascinating account of a journey to Egypt by an American Jewish woman. Her relationship with Ali Mahmoud, who was "exactly like every boy I'd gone to City College with," brings her into the life of the educated urban middle class of Cairo. Very readable.

Groisser, Philip L.
The United States and the Middle East
State University of New York, 1982, 266 pp., paper *H 1, 12, 11*

Designed for secondary schools, this work by an historian who served as a high school principal and superintendent provides a detailed study of the tangled web of Middle East affairs and the role of the United States in this culturally and politically diverse area. Covers the Middle East today, case studies of eight nations, the Middle East since World War I, the U.S. and the Middle East before World War I, American goals and strategies since World War II, and the dilemmas of United States foreign policy. The organization of the book makes it possible for the teacher to use sections in American Studies as well as Global Studies courses. Contains excellent photos, charts, maps, questions and activities for each section.

Haddad, Carolyn
Flowers of the Desert
Dell, 1982, 685 pp., paper *TAH 2, 14*

This panoramic novel traces the fortune of the Ewan family from Baghdad of 1941 to Israel of 1978. The history of the Jews of Iraq and their absorption into Israel with the difficulties of immigration and adjustment to the new society are part of the background of this very readable novel.

Halabi, Rafik
The West Bank Story
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1982, 302 pp. *TAH 11, 14, 8*

Written by "an Israeli patriot, though not a Jew" considered a Palestinian by Arabs, the author, a Druze, who is a reporter for Israeli TV, examines the military, political, cultural and human consequences of the capture of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Includes a fascinating autobiographical account of Druze life. Very well written.

Halliday, Fred
Iran: Dictatorship and Development
Penguin, 1979, 356 pp., paper *TA 14, 13*

An analysis and history critical of the Pahlevi Monarchy in Iran.

Hamalian, Leo and John Yohannan, editors
New Writing from the Middle East
New American Library, 1978, 500 pp., paper *TA 2*

More than 125 stories, poems and plays representing the diverse styles of contemporary writing in the Middle East. Includes selections from Arabic, Persian, Israeli, Armenian, and Turkish sources. The selections range from the highly personal to those with specific political overtones. Some selections are for mature audiences only.

Extremely valuable resources for introducing the more sophisticated students to the region's literary climate. Fine commentaries by the editors.

Hareven, Shulamith
City of Many Days
Popular Library, 1978, 224 pp., paper *TAH 2, 14*

An award-winning novel of life in Jerusalem in the decades preceding the creation of the state of Israel. Brilliantly evokes the many textures of life in that city.

Har-Shefi, Yoella
Beyond the Gunsights: One Arab Family in the Promised Land
Houghton-Mifflin, 1980, 226 pp. *TAHM 3, 14, 8, 11*

A compassionate portrayal of an Israeli Arab family by an Israeli-Jewish journalist. Through the eyes of the Abu-Hanas, one becomes aware of the troubling forces within Israel: the conflict between the younger Arab generation and its elders; the confrontation between the Jewish state and its Arab minority; the hatred between extremists on both sides. Yet this is one family that works to overcome these obstacles, treading a thin line betwen Arab fear of reconciliation and Jewish fear of Arab nationalism. This is a story of Arabs who – not uncritically – want to remain Israeli.

Hitti, Phillip K.
The Arabs: A Short History
Henry Regnery, 1964, 274 pp., paper *TA 8, 9, 6*

A concise, well written work that goes from the early days of Islam through the last dynasties. Includes information about Bedouin life, Islam, the life of the people, the arts, sciences and literature of Arab civilization. Considered a classic account.

Kahn, Margaret
Children of the Jinn: In Search of the Kurds and Their Country
Seaview, 1980, 302 pp., also paper *TAH 9, 11, 14*

The author, a linguist, visited Iran in 1974 and 1978. Through anecdotes, history and original insights, she paints a vivid portrait of the Kurds from their historical origins to the contemporary conflicts inherent in technology, feminism and urban life. An important study of this distinctive ethnic minority by a dedicated advocate who presents a strong case on their behalf.

Kaniuk, Yoram
The Story of Aunt Shlomzion the Great
Harper and Row, 1979, 171 pp. *TAH 2, 14*

A well written novel about a dowager who dominates the lives of an extended family. Kaniuk, one of Israel's most respected novelists, uses comedy as the vehicle to portray some of the poignant paradoxes and ironies of modern life for those who trace their families back for many generations in Israel.

Kattan, Naim
Farewell, Babylon
Taplinger, 1980, 192 pp. *TAH 2, 14*

Set in Baghdad in the 1940's this autobiographical novel of coming of age is a captivating description of one young man's journey through adolescence. It is the story of an aspiring Jewish writer who is caught between loyalty to his homeland, Iraq, and the stark reality that he will have no future there.

Keddie, Nikki R.
Roots of Revolution: An Interpretive History of Modern Iran
Yale University, 1981, 321 pp., also paper *RTAH 14, 11, 13*

An examination of 19th and 20th century Iranian history by one of the leading scholars in the field. Up-to-date through mid-1981, this volume demonstrates how the revolution was a response of a century-old religious-radical alliance to "autocratic rule, rising disparities in income and subservience to Western cultural and economic domination." The book includes the hostage crisis and subsequent release. Extremely valuable in explaining the cooperation of seemingly diverse elements in the revolution. Well written.

Kemal, Yashar
Anatolian Tales
Collins, paper *TAH 2, 14, 9*

A series of stories about life in Turkey, told by the Nobel prize-winning author. Fascinating observation about the life and thought processes of the peasants of Turkey.

Kramer, Jane
Honor to the Bride: Like the Pigeon that Guards Its Grain Under the Clove Tree
Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1970, 211 pp. *TAH 9, 10, 14*

The author recounts the story of the adventures of a family in Meknes (Morocco) whose daughter Khadya "was lost on a pilgrimage in June, found in a brothel in July, and properly married off in August." Within the context of this rollicking adventure one gains insight into the life of a transplanted peasant living in the urban squatter settlements of Morocco in the 1960's.

Kramer, Samuel Noah
History Begins at Sumer
Anchor, 1956, 247 pp., paper *RTAH 6, 9*

The Sumerians were a non-Semitic people who ruled much of the Middle East in the fourth and third millennia B.C. These 27 brief essays treat of "firsts" in recorded history, e.g. government, politics, education, literature, philosophy, ethics, law, justice, agriculture and medicine. Both the excerpts from the clay cuneiform tablets and the explanations by Kramer are clear and fascinating.

Laqueur, Walter
A History of Zionism
Holt, Rinehart and Winston/Schocken paper, 1972, 640 pp.
RTAH 14, 13

This comprehensive history of Zionism starts with a discussion of the European background of Zionism since the French Revolution, covers the prehistory of the movement and five decades of Zionist activities, and ends with the establishment of the State of Israel. A lucid account, sympathetic, but not uncritical. The concluding chapter is extremely worthwhile and can provide material for valuable discussion.

Laqueur, Walter, editor
The Israel-Arab Reader: A Documentary History of the Middle East Conflict
Bantam, 1970, 511 pp., paper *RTAH 11, 14*

A collection of the essential documents, speeches, letters and articles covering the period from 1882 through the 1967 war. A wide range of viewpoints is presented including those of international scholars and partisan journalists. Contains brief but helpful introductions to each section. An extremely useful primary source anthology.

Lenczowski, George
The Middle East in World Affairs
Cornell University, 1980, 850 pp., also paper
RTA 1, 11, 13

A scholarly, detailed survey of the twentieth century diplomatic and political history of the region. The book traces the origins of the contemporary state system in the Middle East, explores West European, Russian and American interests in the area, analyzes the emergence of modern nationalist movements – Arab, Israeli, Turkish, Iranian – and includes separate chapters on the politics of each of 17 states, from Egypt to Afghanistan.

Does not include a discussion of Islam. Most of the analysis is on the basis of the strategic conflict of United States and Soviet interests. Very valuable reference tool for teachers and advanced students.

Lewis, Bernard
The Arabs in History
Harper and Row, 1966, 200 pp., paper *TA 8, 13*

An interpretive essay on the place of the Arabs in human history by the leading scholar in the field. Deals with their identity, their achievements, and the salient characteristics of the various periods of their development.

Lewis, Bernard, editor
Islam and the Arab World: Faith, People and Culture
Knopf (American Heritage), 1976, 360 pp., heavily illustrated.
RTAH 1, 6, 8, 13

Thirteen experts contribute essays on the lands, the peoples, Islamic art and architecture, music, science, literature, Sufism, arms and armies, Moorish Spain, Iran Ottoman Empire, Muslim India and Islam today. Most noteworthy, however, are the illustrations presented on quality color plates, which richly amplify the text. An exceptionally beautiful book.

Lieblich, Amia
Kibbutz Makom
Pantheon, 1981, 318 pp. *TAH 9, 14*

The story of the kibbutz, that unique Israeli social institution, is told through the words of its members. We learn how this kibbutz developed, how it actually functions, how work is allocated, how children are raised, how collective decisions are made, how families have fared over three

generations, and how the political events have affected the kibbutz. Each of the people comes alive as individuals. Fascinating reading.

Mahfouz, Naguib
Midaq Alley
Three Continents, 1975, 246 pp., paper *TA 2, 14*

The classic work by Egypt's best-known novelist. Set in a poor section of Cairo during the 1940's, it illuminates the problems of a society in transition by telling the stories of those who inhabit an actual street in the Al-Azhar section.

Mammeri, Mouloud
The Sleep of the Just
Beacon Press, 1958, 228 pp. *TAH 2, 14*

This was the first novel by an Algerian Arab to appear in translation in the United States. It describes the cultural, as well as political, conflicts of the educated Arab in the French colonial setting. The setting is that of Algeria in the 1940's but the conflicts are those that are still of contemporary concern. Very readable, very powerful.

Mansfield, Peter
The Arabs
Pelican, 1980, 555 pp., paper *TAH 8, 13*

A comprehensive, readable survey of the Arab world. Divided into three parts, the book contains a history, a section on individual nations and a consideration of contemporary problems and issues from an Arab's point of view.

Martin, Richard C.
Islam: A Cultural Perspective
Prentice-Hall, 1982, 192 pp., paper *RTAH 6, 9, 13*

A presentation of Islam as a religious culture which gives attention to all of its manifestations: thought, worship, social organization, philosophy, folk beliefs, liturgy, pilgrimage, family life, dress, diet, and the role of the leaders, teachers and judges.

From this book, one gets a sense of what life is really like in the world of Islam. Very readable and clearly organized. Includes good sections on Islamic concepts of art and beauty and a clear summary of the history of Islam.

Memmi, Albert
A Pillar of Salt
O'Hara, 1955, 342 pp., also paper *TAH 2, 14*

An autobiographical novel by the distinguished writer which poignantly portrays what it was like to grow up Jewish in Tunisia under French Colonial rule and then, during World War II, under German occupation. Is especially appealing to older adolescents because of the universality of many experiences, such as the terror of taking exams and the alienation from one's parents.

Miller, David and Clark Moore, editors
The Middle East, Yesterday and Today
Bantam, 1970, 360 pp., paper *HM 1, 13*

A collection of brief readings, specifically designed for high school use, covering geography, anthropology, sociology, history from the 600's to 1968, and current social and economic problems. Much of the material is dated.

Minai, Naila
Women in Islam: Tradition and Transition in the Middle East
Seaview, 1981, 283 pp., paper *TAH 10, 6, 9*

A Turkish-bred, U.S.-educated journalist's portrait of the history of Islam as it affects women and which traces the life cycle of women in contemporary times. Very readable, especially insightful on the role of women in the Islamic revival.

Naipaul, V.S.
Among the Believers: An Islamic Journey
Knopf, 1981, 430 pp., also paper *TAH 4, 14, 6*

An account of a journey to four Islamic nations, Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia and Indonesia, by a widely admired writer. The author meets with a wide range of people and explores the human and political conditions of nations where Islam is "a complete way of life."

Oz, Amos
My Michael
Bantam, 1982, 246 pp., paper *TA 2, 14*

A novel by one of Israel's leading authors, set in Jerusalem in the 1950's, and showing the quality of life in the then divided city.

Peretz, Don
The Middle East
Houghton Mifflin, 1973, 247 pp., paper *HM 1, 13*

Designed as a unit text for secondary schools this regional study includes geography, history and case studies of three modern nations: Turkey, Egypt and Israel. A brief concluding chapter touches on other nations. Questions and summaries appear at the end of each chapter.

Peretz, Don
The Middle East: Selected Readings
Houghton Mifflin, 1973, 244 pp., paper *HM 1, 3*

A companion volume to Peretz's *Middle East*, it contains documents relating to the Middle East and the Rise of Islam, the Great Muslim Empires, the era of Western imperialism, and the Middle East today (up to 1972). Good introductory essays precede each selection.

Pickthall, Mohammed Marmeluke
The Meaning of the Glorious Koran: An Explanatory Translation
New American Library, 1978, 464 pp., paper *AHM 6*

A very readable translation of Islamic Scriptures with a convenient appendix which lists the Suras (chapters) by subjects covered.

Raban, Jonathan
Arabia: A Journey Through the Labyrinth
Simon & Schuster, 1980, 344 pp., also paper *TAHM 4, 5, 11*

Enthralling account of the author's journey through Bahrein, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Yemen, Egypt and Jordan. We visit a sheikh's fortress, a Bedouin home, an English club. The varying textures of Arabia are presented. Especially good for an understanding of the relationships between peoples

from one part of the Arab world with another. Although the book is a cohesive whole, each chapter is about a different nation and can stand alone.

Rachlin, Nahid
Foreigner
Norton, 1978, 192 pp., also paper *TAHM 2, 14*

A beautifully written novel of a young Iranian woman who returns home after education and marriage in the United States. It presents the conflicts that she faces in deciding where she belongs.

Roden, Claudia
A Book of Middle Eastern Food
Knopf Vintage (paper), 1972, 449 pp. *RTAH 9*

In addition to 500 authentic and tempting recipes the author includes anecdotes, regional tales, customs surrounding particular foods and discussions of holiday traditions. The Introduction includes origins and influences, social aspects, the traditional table, Muslim dietary laws and general features of Middle Eastern food. Delightful and delicious.

Rodinson, Maxim
Muhammad
Pantheon, 1980, 362 pp., paper *RTAH 6, 8, 13*

An important biography which shows how at a specific historic juncture, the particular psychological make-up of a man combined with the socio-economic conditions of his time and place to produce a lasting historic impact on a world scale. Readable and scholarly. Includes an excellent explanatory table of Arabic words, names of individuals and ethnic groups.

Rubin, Barry
Paved with Good Intentions:
The American Experience in Iran
Penguin, 1981, 426 pp., paper *TAH 12, 14, 11*

Forty years after Franklin Roosevelt dreamed of making Iran "an example of what we could do by an unselfish American policy," 53 Americans found themselves hostages in Iran, victims of the Iranian rage against Americans. This extremely lucid account describes how the United States – once considered by the Iranians as their nation's savior – was transformed into the world-devouring Satan of the Khomeini era. Includes chronology, bibliography plus a section on the role of the media.

Sachar, Howard M.
A History of Israel
Knopf, 1976, 880 pp., also paper *RTAH 14, 13, 7, 9, 11*

Readable, comprehensive, authoritative work that encompasses the story of the Jewish state from its nearly nineteenth century ideological beginnings to the mid-1970's. Examines the complex internal concerns of a rapidly growing nation needing to absorb Jewish immigrants from the Middle East as well as those of European background, and its emergence as a beleaguered nation in the larger framework of international "realpolitik." Includes good biographical sketches of leading personalities.

Safran, Nadav
Israel: The Embattled Ally
Harvard, 1978, 615 pp., also paper *RTA 14, 12, 13*

A scholarly history of Israel and its relations with the United States. Within a framework that includes the origins of modern Israel, an examination of the physical, human, economic and constitutional framework, as well as the events through 1977, Safran analyzes the "fluctuations in the American-Israeli relationship as it moved from simple friendship to an alliance of friends."

Sampson, Anthony
The Seven Sisters
Bantam, 1976, 386 pp., paper *TAH 12, 11*

A penetrating examination of the effect of oil on the world economy. Considered a classic. Extremely readable.

Scholastic Book Services
The Middle East
Scholastic Book Services, 1972, 192 pp., paper *HM 1*

Very clear, well-organized presentation in simple language that clarifies, but does not oversimplify, the richness of cultures and the complexity of current issues. Very useful for the lower grades and for all students. Contains many personalized accounts, excellent illustrations and maps.

Shaked, Haim and Itamar Rabinovich, editors
The Middle East and the United States:
Perceptions and Policies
Transaction, 1980, 418 pp., paper *TA 12, 11*

Essays by seventeen internationally recognized experts on the images and perceptions that people of the Middle East and the United States have had of one another, and the way in which their relationship is viewed from within the Middle East, from Washington and from other vantage points. Includes five other major issues: background and evolution of American policy, American interests in the Middle East, the international context of American foreign policy, formation of American policy, and special interests in American policy.

Sterling, Martie and Robin Sterling
Last Flight from Iran
Bantam, 1981, 268 pp., paper *TAHM 3, 11, 14*

The fascinating journal of a young American woman's two years in Iran during the beginnings of the Revolution. Her experiences in the "middle of someone else's revolution" range from the comic to the terror of Savak (Iranian secret police under the Shah) and the street mobs. An important perspective of everyday life during this time. Very appealingly told.

Stillman, Norman A.
The Jews of Arab Lands: A History and Source Book
Jewish Publication Society, 1979, 473 pp., also paper
RTAH 13, 6, 7, 8

Although the introductory survey is excellent, the very special value of this book is in the rich collection of primary sources which illuminate the relations of Jews and Arabs through the 19th century. More than three-fourths of the book

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includes first hand accounts, among them: Muhammad's first Jewish convert, the itinerary of the 9th century Radhanite Jewish merchants, how the murderer of a Jew and his wife was punished, the rise and fall of a family of "court Jews," a rabbi accused of disrespect to Muhammad, and a Sabbath among the Jews of Port Said.

Sykes, Christopher
Crossroads to Israel: 1917-48
Indiana University, 1973, 400 pp., paper *RTA 14, 13*

Written by a former member of the British diplomatic corps, this book charts the course of British policy caught between the commitment to the Balfour Declaration and vital alliances with oil-rich Arab powers. It is the authoritative history of Palestine under the British Mandate and provides an understanding into the desperate mood of the Palestinian Jews after the rise of Nazism in Europe.

Turki, Fawaz
The Disinherited: Journal of a Palestinian Exile
Monthly Review Press, 1972, 160 pp., also paper *TAH 3, 11*

An impassioned polemic by a young Palestinian journalist. Admittedly highly partisan, it is a valuable document of the perceptions of one segment of Palestinian life. Graphically portrays the rage and frustration of the "outsider."

Werfel, Franz
The Forty Days of Musa Dagh
Pocket Books, paper, 680 pp. *TA 2, 14*

The epic novel about the Armenian experience under Turkish rule. Focuses on the tragic events of 1915 as told through the eyes of Gabriel Bagradian, his family and those around him. A penetrating look into the political and social upheaval at that time.

Wilbur, Donald N.
Iran: Past and Present
Princeton, 1981, 375 pp., paper *RTA 14, 13*

The ninth edition of the standard work on Iran. An encylopaedic text covering the development of Iran from earliest known times to its present-day role as a major oil producing nation. It is useful for background to the days of the monarchy.

Wormser, Michael D., editor
The Middle East: Fifth Edition
Congressional Quarterly, 1981, 275 pp. (oversize)
RTAHM 1, 12, 11, 6

The book examines issues confronting the United States and the nations in the Middle East. It contains background information on the history of American involvement; the arms race and the potential for superpower confrontations, particularly in the Persian Gulf. Includes a chapter on the history of Islam; profiles of Middle East countries; biographies of key Middle East figures; a chronology of major events between 1945 and 1981, and a selective bibliography.

An Addendum of Reference Works

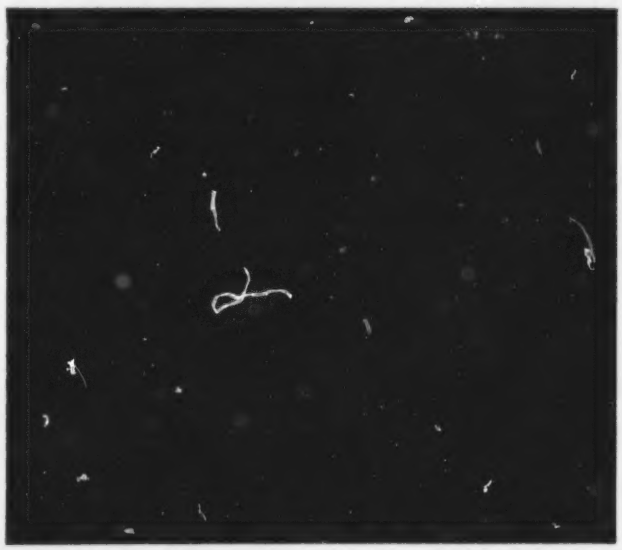
For the teacher whose appetite has been whetted by the "mezze" we include these works by authorities who have contributed substantially to the knowledge in this area. This compilation does not purport to be definitive, but rather to extend the range of the instructor's investigations both into background and examination of current issues.

Ajami, Fouad
The Arab Predicament: Arab Political Thought and Practice Since 1967
Cambridge University, 1982, 250 pp., also paper

This stimulating book considers the growing influence in inter-Arab politics of the conservative states, the paradox of Egypt, Islamic fundamentalism, and the contradictions and problems brought about by the sudden influx of oil wealth in the area. The author stresses how "politically sensitive people" have defined the "Arab crisis" and the solutions offered by them.

Goitin, S. D.
A Mediterranean Society
University of California, Vol. 1: Economic Foundations, 529 pp., 1967; Vol. 2: The Community, 1971; Vol. 3: The Family, 1978.

While the subtitle and major focus is on "the Jewish communities of the Arab world as portrayed in the documents of the Cairo Geniza" these three volumes provide a fascinating treasure trove of information on general daily life in Islamic society from the 10th through the 13th centuries – the classical period of Islamic civilization. It includes thousands of details on subjects ranging from auctioneers, female brokers, agriculture, postal service, take-out food, interfaith (Muslim, Jewish, Christian) relations, education, community organizations, and government control.



Haim, Sylvia G.
Arab Nationalism: An Anthology
University of California, 1976, 255 pp., paper

According to the author, Arab nationalism as an ideology and as a factor in Middle Eastern politics "was hardly known before the beginnings of the 20th century and it was only after the First World War that a comprehensive doctrine of an Arab nationhood was inaugurated." In a major introductory essay Haim traces its development. One of the major issues dealt with is the relationship of Arab nationalism and Islam.

Holt, P. M., et al., editors
Cambridge History of Islam
Cambridge University

Vol. 1: Central Islamic Lands From Pre-Islamic Times to the First World War

Vol. 1B: Central Islamic Lands Since 1918

Vol. 2A: The Indian Sub-Continent, Southeast Asia, Africa and the Muslim West

Vol. 2B: Islamic Society and Civilization. All available in paper. Major reference work.

Kerr, Malcolm H.
The Arab Cold War: Gamal 'Abd Al-nasir and His Rivals, 1958-1970.
Oxford, Third Edition, 1971, 166 pp., paper

An interpretive essay on the interplay of ideology and political tactics in Arab affairs and on Nasir's career as a pan-Arab leader. "To grasp the spirit of the Arabs' political life," says Kerr, "we must recognize that their society, for all its crises, possesses its own vitality. Even the most influential foreigners are peripheral to the Arabs' own conceptions of their world and their vision of its future."

Khalidi, Walid
Conflict and Violence in Lebanon: Confrontation in the Middle East
Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 1979
217 pp.

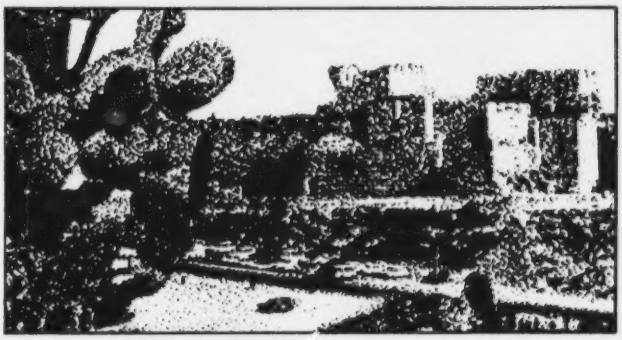
An interpretive account covering the genesis, development and aftermath of the 1975-76 civil war including the Israeli invasion of March, 1978 and its military and political consequences. While the focus is on Lebanon, the study also assesses how other Middle Eastern countries, the United States, the Soviet Union and the Arab-Israeli conflict have affected that nation. The author, a Palestinian, was on the faculty at the American University in Beirut.

Legum, Colin, Haim Shaked, and Daniel Dishon, editors.
Middle East Contemporary Survey.
Holmes and Meier. Vol. IV, 1979-1980, 950 pp. Charts, tables, maps, full index.

The Wall Street Journal calls it "the standard authoritative reference work on Middle East economics and politics." Volume V available Spring 1983.

Lewis, Bernard
The Emergence of Modern Turkey
Oxford University, 1976, 487 pp.

Major study of the transition from the Ottoman Empire to the modern Turkish state. Lewis examines the reasons for the decline of the Ottoman Empire, the attempts at reform in the nineteenth century, the beginnings of Turkish nationalism (The Young Turk Movement), the role of Ataturk, etc.



Moore, John Norton, editor
The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Readings and Documents
Abridged and Revised Edition. Princeton, 1977, 1253 pp.

Seventy-eight documents dealing with underlying issues, the wars, and continued hostilities, the role of the United Nations, settlements, and the miscellaneous documents relating to the conflict.

Quandt, William B.
Saudi Arabia in the 1980s:
Foreign Policy, Security, and Oil
The Brookings Institution, 1981, 190 pp., paper

Saudi Arabia sits on top of the largest and most easily exploited reserves of petroleum in the world. It inevitably is being drawn into the center of international politics. This study "seeks to improve" the basis for American policy toward Saudi Arabia by analyzing threats to the kingdom and the capabilities of the Saudi regime to deal with those threats.

Salibi, Kamal
The Modern History of Lebanon
Caravan, 1966, 221 pp.

In this difficult but important work the leading historian of Lebanon analyzes the 18th and 19th century social and political spectrum. Salibi's analysis provides insights into contemporary religious and political conflict. The author assumes that the reader is familiar with Lebanese history.

Simon, Reeva S.
The Modern Middle East: A Guide to Research Tools in the Social Sciences
Westview, 1978, 273 pp., also paper

Contains bibliographical references; a list of periodicals and guides to their use; and reference sources, including encyclopedias and handbooks, almanacs and annuals, directories and biographical and geographical sources. The emphasis is on the 19th and 20th centuries. Will guide students to pertinent reference works and inform the seasoned scholar of the rapidly growing body of such material.

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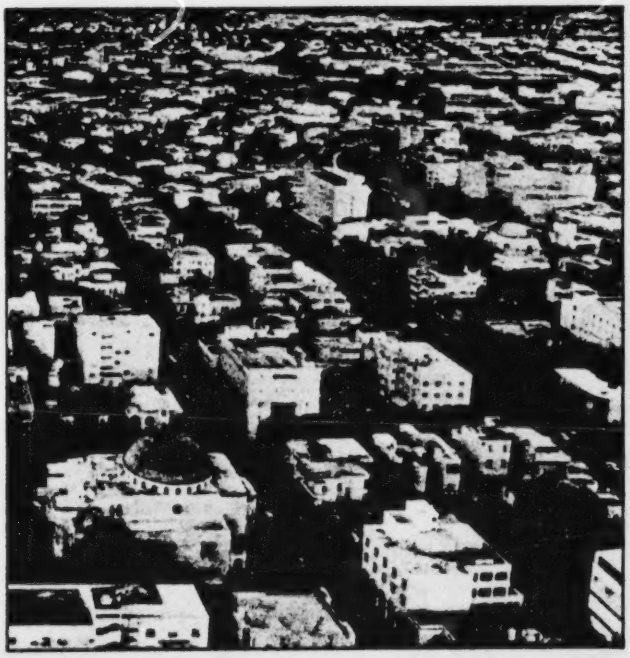

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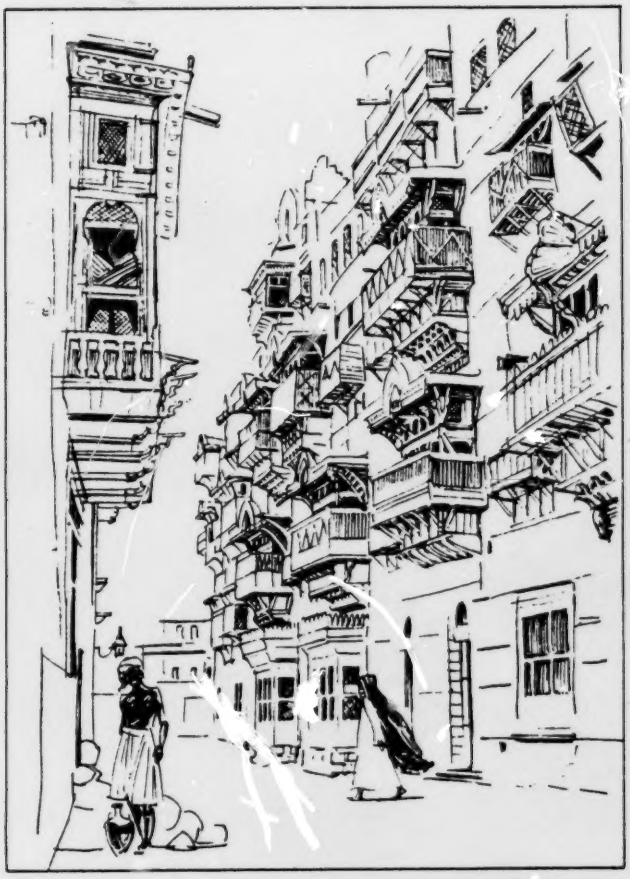

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